

**In the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a plurality of opened documents being displayed on an electronic desktop of an electronic device, an opened document being an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device, ~~an area covered by the opened document being equal to substantially a total area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device or a partial user operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device~~, the opened document displaying the contents of an electronic file, in a user operational manner, as a result of the execution, ~~by the electronic device, of the application, a minimized opened document being an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device, an area covered by the minimized opened document being equal to a partial nonuser operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device, the partial nonuser operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device being smaller than the partial user operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device,~~ comprising:

(a) ~~minimizing~~ selecting a first icon associated with a first opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device ~~to create a first minimized opened document and creating a first icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device;~~

(b) ~~minimizing a second opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a second minimized opened document and creating a second icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device;~~ (c) forming a virtual pile by selecting the second icon representing the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device and placing the first icon associated with the first opened document onto a second icon associated with a second opened document ~~onto the first icon representing the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device;~~

~~(cd)~~ modifying an appearance of the first icon associated with the first opened document to represent a portion of a virtual pile of ~~minimized~~ opened documents when the first icon associated with the first opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document ~~created by the first and second icons;~~ and

~~(de)~~ ~~modifying~~ maintaining an appearance of the second icon when the ~~second~~ first icon is placed onto the ~~first~~ second icon;

(e) selecting a third icon associated with a third opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device;

(f) placing the third icon associated with the first opened document onto the second icon associated with the second opened document;

(g) modifying an appearance of the third icon associated with the third opened document to represent a portion of the virtual pile of opened documents when the third icon associated with the third opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document; and

(h) maintaining the appearance of the second icon when the third icon is placed onto the second icon.

**Claim 2-22 (Cancelled)**

23. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, further comprising:

(if) providing information regarding an ~~minimized~~ opened document in the virtual pile, when a mouse-over event is initiated upon the icon in the virtual pile representing the opened document.

**Claims 24-46 (Cancelled)**